

THE BUGLE CALL

NEWS FROM THE NCWC

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ELECTION EDITION

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The following people have been nominated to run for board positions.

Chair: Earl Bishop

Vice Chair: Don Benson

Artillery Battalion Commander: Bruce Alley

Civilian Advocate: Debra Martin

Confederate Battalion Commander: Jim Stanovich

Union Battalion Commander: Kevin Burton

Secretary: Kris Flynn

All candidates are running unopposed and this being the case the board is asking if the membership will approve "an election of the slate by acclimation" which in laymens terms would mean that since all positions are running unopposed they would be approved and save the club the costs of printing ballots, envelopes and postage. Let your company commander and or board rep know if you approve of this by the 6th of October so the election coordinator can be informed.

Candidate Statements

The following statements were received from candidates

Confederate battalion commander

My fellow Confederates,

Another GLORIOUS reenacting season has come to a close and it is once again it is an election year.

I am running for reelection to the position of Confederate Battalion Commander.

The past few years have been challenging for all of us, with declining numbers, new events, controversy over our flag and our hobby in general, and internal political strife. But together we have weathered all of this and come out a

stronger, tighter knit club.

I believe we are starting to see a renewed interest in our hobby with the return of many of our old comrades and the addition

of some brand new faces. We have been trying a few new ideas in our battles and events, and as always, I strive to make our events

fun.

I still enjoy my position as your Confederate Battalion Commander, and look forward to continuing to serve you to the best of my abilities.

Your obedient servant,
Colonel James Stanovich

Union Battalion Commander

To the Union Army:

After being on the staff for two years I have learned many things that I did not know before. I now feel very confident in leading you, the men of the Union Army, into battle. I know that the most important aspect is safety for the men and for myself. My next priority is for the men to have fun. I'm looking forward to battles with movement and unique scenarios. Communication with everyone is also a very important aspect of being the colonel.

My next hope is to have a few new and exciting aspects to our battle scenarios, like some hand to hand for each company. We will need to have time for each company to work on their hand to hand actions. I will also emphasize our being soldiers for the 1860's. With that I hope we can start to bring in more to our hobby. We have all noticed a drop in numbers and we, as a group, will have to work hard to get more recruits.

So, with this all-in mind, I hope that you will walk with me and go on our living history walks. If we, as a group, work together, we can keep what I believe is the best civil war reenacting group in the U.S. So, if you agree with my hopes and ambitions please vote for me. Let's make the next few years a great time for reenactors and their families while giving the public a chance to really understand our country's history!

Kevin Burton

Civilian Advocate

September 27, 2017

To the General Civilian Alliance of the NCWC:

My name is Debra Martin and I am running for the position of Civilian Advocate of the Northwest Civil War Council. I've been reenacting since 1995, first with the 116th PA and then with the 69th New York where I have participated as a Civilian for the last 17 years. My children were raised in the hobby but moved on to other things and left me behind with the best set of friends one could hope for. As my daughter describes me, "it's not just her hobby, it's her passion." I have served as the Civilian Coordinator for the 69th NY for the last 5 years; initiating new ideas such as the Letters From Home project which I'm hoping to expand NCWC wide.

I worked with Howie Loewen to layout the camps during his tenure and saw first hand the duties the position entails. Beyond the administrative tasks the position requires, there is the responsibility of being part of the Executive Board. Having served as chairman of the Cavalry Committee and as a Board Representative for the 69th NY during a time of great change in our club, I am aware of the issues that can come before us. My years as a Civilian in a military unit give me a broad picture of the club. I feel confident that I can handle the job and represent the interest of the Civilians.

I believe reenacting needs to be fun, it's too much work not to look forward to each event with anticipation. I told friends at Colton that I was going to create a new Civilian unit called the "Assisted Living Folk" for those of us who just won't give up the hobby, even into old age. We'll offer the Boy Scouts a badge to come setup and take down our tents. Joking aside, retiring from the battlefield to the Civilian Alliance is something to consider once you decide that taking a hit is not as easy as before, and enjoying the shade with a cool beverage and long-time friends has its rewards. Come on over.

And finally, we do not do this only to impart our knowledge of the Civil War to the public but to continue our own education into the events that forged this nation. There is always much more to learn, about the War, about reenacting, and about ourselves.

I ask for your vote of confidence.

Most graciously yours,

Debra Martin

Chairman

Earl Bishop Statement for Chair

I am running for a second term as Chair of the Northwest Civil War Council with Don Benson as Vice Chair. We will continue to listen to input, from both spectators and reenactors, about where and when reenactments happen. And we will continue to welcome feedback and take steps to help make this hobby more enjoyable for everyone, new and longtime reenactors alike. Our commitment as leaders and as a board is to do things to the best of our abilities in 2018 and beyond.

Earl Bishop

A word from membership

2018 memberships are being accepted online and by paper forms at this time.